

Thesis (Hub): “God Choose to Give You Life Through Faith in His Word ... Now That You Have Believed It to Save You ... Are You Receiving It to Change You?”

1) Are you behaving reckless...or are you pursuing righteousness? v. 19-20.

- Do you see how the opposite of each the statements is reckless behavior? For example, instead of being “quick to hear” you are “slow to hear”.
- Which one, or more, of these do you struggle with the most? (Being slow to hear, quick to speak, or quick to anger.)
- Have you ever thought about verse 19 being about our response to God’s word, or have you always seen this as just about how we interact and treat each other?

2) Are you regulating sin...or are you reigning over sin? v. 21a

- If you’re honest...are you regulating sin? (Many hold onto unforgiveness or bitterness.)
- What is the best way to reign over sin?
- Do you see how vital the small group is in our ability to reign over sin? If so, how?

3) Are you rejecting God’s word...or are you receiving God’s word? V. 21b

- Can you find an area in your life that you are less likely to obey God’s word? If so, where?
- How can you reach people who overtly reject God’s word? Discuss techniques (and remember that we don’t want to “bruise the fruit”).
- Related to our salvation (being justified before God by our faith), who is ultimately responsible for a person rejecting or receiving God’s word? Hint: John 6:44